

THE LOST SUMMER.

Autumn spreads its chilly wraiths of mist across the land,
Morning frost now chills the air and cools the naked hand.
Winter clothing reappears from wardrobe, trunk and drawer,
As bitter Northern winds blow cold, with mornings damp and raw.

But where has summer gone? We ask, with wonder and dismay,
The warm and sunny days grew longer, just the other day.
Now the nights are drawing in, wild rainstorms soak the soil,
And we remember only, now, the days of summer toil

What happened to those glorious days, with weather at its best?
Those days of warmth and sunshine when we should have been at rest.
Somehow we missed those lovely days, somewhere along the way,
Now we awake to a gloomy morn, with Winter on the way.

Where did all the days go to, the warmth and weather bright?
When daylight stretched from early hours to halfway through the night.
There was the fence to mend, the grass to cut, the hedge to trim as well,
You were busy with a paint brush too, in every sunny spell.

Time passed by with frightening speed as the Summer tasks increased,
It seemed you were busy from dawn till dusk, the labour never ceased.
Then all at once the Autumn's here, with the trees all bare and stark,
With frosty mornings to chill the hands and evenings long and dark.

The whole of life can be the same, if we're busy all the time,
Working far too hard and long, we miss the warning chime,
Of that clear bell that marks the spell of time we have on Earth,
The hour glass that starts to run from the very day of birth.

We suddenly realise that we're old and life has passed us by,
Memories of our youth will fade, our dreams in ruins lie.
Where did Summer go? We ask. Like life it fades away,
Now time is short, Autumn is here, and Winter is on the way.

There is a message now, I feel, for the young who follow us,
Take it easy, don't work all hours, and please don't fret and fuss.
Although life might be hard and grim, a struggle, without a doubt,
It's time to enjoy the gift of life, for the gift is running out.